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presents

*The Marriage
of Figaro*

IN ENGLISH
by

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

MacMillan Theatre

EDWARD JOHNSON BUILDING

March 8, 9, 15, 16, 1985

8 PM

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THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

An opera in four acts

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WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Libretto by LORENZO DA PONTE

English translation by Edward Dent

CONDUCTOR	James Fraser-Craig (March 8, 15)
	John Greer (March 9, 16)
DIRECTOR	Michael Albano
SET DESIGNER	Edward Kotanen (after the original design by Toni Businger)
COSTUME CO-ORDINATOR	Diane McCann-Davis
LIGHTING DESIGNER	Fred Perruzza
CHOREOGRAPHER	Maisie MacPhee
HARPSICHORDIST	Stephen Ralls

The action takes place in the castle of Count Almaviva, near Seville, in the late 18th century.

ACT I - A room in the castle

ACT II - The boudoir of the Countess

ACT III - Scene I: The study of the Count
 Scene II: A hall in the castle

ACT IV - The garden of the castle

(15 minute intermission following each act)

CHARACTERS (in order of appearance)

FIGARO, valet and servant of the Count	Peter Barnes (March 8, 15) Henri Loiselle (March 9, 16)
SUSANNA, maid of the Countess	Sung Ha Shin (March 8, 15) Deborah Stevens (March 9, 16)
BARTOLO, a doctor from Seville	John Nieboer*
MARCELLINA, his former housekeeper	Marcia Swanston (March 8, 15) Anne McWatt (March 9, 16)
CHERUBINO, a page	Kimberly Barber (March 8, 15) Gabrielle Prata (March 9, 16)
COUNT ALMAVIVA	David Budgell (March 8, 15) Patrick Timney (March 9, 16)
BASILIO, a music master	Benoit Boutet (March 8, 15) Stephen McClare (March 9, 16)
COUNTESS ALMAVIVA	Martha Collins (March 8, 15) Ingrid Attrot (March 9, 16)
ANTONIO, the gardener	Emilio Roman (March 8, 15) Robert Milne (March 9, 16)
DR. CURZIO, the lawyer	Lenard Whiting (March 8, 15) Robert Hanks (March 9, 16)
ROSALINDA, the gardener's daughter	Susan Sereda (March 8, 15) Carole Ann Latimer (March 9, 16)
BRIDESMAIDS	Halyna Dytyniak (March 8, 15) Debra Selig (March 9, 16) Linda Bennett (March 8, 15) Louise Van Winkle (March 9, 16)
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Graduate guest	

VILLAGERS

Marianne Bendig
Adreana Braun
Jacqueline Chambers
Sharon Crowther
Pamela Deacon
Robert Dirstein
Linda Eyman
Leslie Fagan
Elizabeth Forster
Lisa Gaasenbeek
Nicholas Groenewegen
Blaine Hendsbee
Francine Himelfarb
Joanne Hounsell

Mark Wilson

Jay Lambie
William Lavigne
Douglas MacNaughton
Linda Osborne
Alison Pybus
Carole Richardson
Gary Rideout
Christine Sawicki
Terese Sirek
Richard Szuba
Margaret Terry
Jacqueline Tracey
Alison Watson
Sheila Wills

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Richard Garbig
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the presentation of the Count's situation is the pretty maid Susanna, who is betrothed to Figaro. The scene opens in the bridal chamber of the young couple, on the morning of their wedding day. Figaro, in good spirits, remarks how conveniently near their rooms are to those of the Count and the Countess; but Susanna fears that this arrangement may be a crafty design to give the Count access to her chamber. Figaro vows that he will match his master's cunning.

Bartolo and Marcellina now appear and reveal that they are bound to have revenge on Figaro by compelling him to marry Marcellina. The latter exchanges witty insults with Susanna, whose love for Figaro is one of the few really constant elements of the plot.

In the youthful page Cherubino, who, it is soon apparent, loves every lady in Christendom, is forced to hide on the unexpected entrance of the Count, since the Count has only just banished Cherubino because of his flirtations. The entrance of Basilio forces the Count himself to take cover. He is outraged to overhear the tale of Cherubino's attachment to the Countess, and yet embarrassed to realize a few moments later that the page has overheard his own advances to Susanna. In the midst of the ensuing confusion, Figaro enters with a group of happy peasants, and subtly asks that the Count place the wedding-veil on Susanna's brow, as a sign that the "droit du seigneur" is relinquished. The Count, bound to keep his lordly dignity despite his embarrassment, postpones the ceremony to a more impressive occasion. He turns on Cherubino and, partly in anger and partly in fear of the young page's tongue, sends him to take up a new post in the regiment of Seville.

At the rise of the curtain on Act Two the Countess is found musing upon her husband's faithlessness. Figaro and Susanna discuss with their mistress two plots they have set to trap the amorous Count: an anonymous letter has been sent to the Count warning him that his wife has a rendezvous with a lover in the garden that night; at the same time Susanna arranges a rendezvous with the Count, planning to have her place taken by the disguised Cherubino. The two ladies take the opportunity of the Count's supposed absence to rehearse the page in his role, and incidentally to give Cherubino an excuse for more flirtations. There is a sudden knock at the door and the Count's voice demanding entrance sends Cherubino scurrying into an inner room and Susanna into an alcove. The enraged Count goes to find tools to break in the door where he suspects someone to be hiding, and as an extra precaution takes his wife with him. Before he returns, Susanna helps Cherubino to escape through the window and takes his place in the inner chamber. The Countess, to pacify her husband, tells him that it is only Cherubino in the inner room, and that there is no reason for his jealous fury. The Count is flabbergasted further when, on finally opening the door, he discovers only Susanna. Feeling that they already have the upper hand, the ladies explain to the Count that the anonymous letter was Figaro's work. This comforts him, and reconciliation seems in view

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